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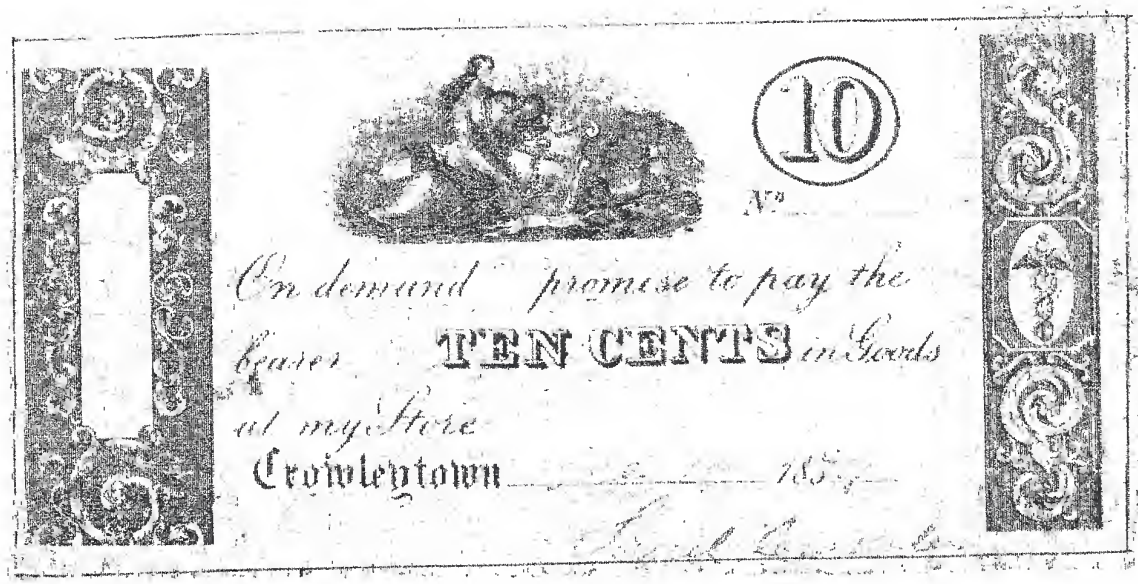
Thanks to all who have submitted articles, photos, etc. It makes my job much easier.

Al Zaika

RELIC OF A PINE BARRENS GHOST TOWN

David D. Gladfelter, M.G



Look on a present day New Jersey state map and you will find, on the bank of the Mullica River, on Route 542 about a mile southeast of historic Batsto Village, a place named Crowleytown. In its day Crowleytown had a glass works, one of many that operated throughout South Jersey's Pine Barrens. But if you take a ride out there today, you will find nothing remaining of Crowleytown except for some mounds protecting the ruins of the glass works foundation, and occasional chunks of blue-green glass and pieces of slag. The site of the 1850s glass factory is now state property and is occupied by a public boat ramp.

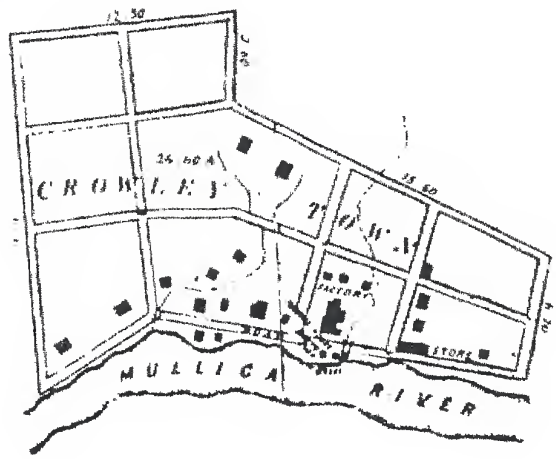
The works were built and operated by Samuel Crowley as the Atlantic Glass Works. The first Mason fruit jar was made there by a glass blower named Clayton Parker. John Landis Mason, a tinsmith who invented the airtight seal for the jar, took out patents on it in 1856 and 1858. Other products included household glassware and, according to an 1852 advertisement, "every description of druggist glassware." The products were sold through an agent, John Huffsey, located on 4th Street in Philadelphia.

Adeline Pepper tells us that the furnace was taken over by the Burling Brothers in 1858 who merged it with a nearby works in Bulltown and gave it the grandiose name "Burlington, Atlantic, Cape May and Philadelphia Glass Manufacturing Company." Both furnaces were closed by 1870.

Census records give Samuel Crowley's birth year as 1811 or 1813 and his birth place as Washington Township, New Jersey, where he lived in 1850 with his wife, Abbe Ann, and 9

children, ages 3½ to 15. Woodward states that "Samuel Crowley, Jr." served on the Washington Township Committee in 1854 and from 1856 to 1860, and as a Burlington County Freeholder (member of the county governing body) in the years 1861 to 1864, 1871, and 1872 to 1874. Unless there are errors in these records, it would appear that Crowley and Crowley, Jr., were one and the same person, since Crowley's oldest child would not have been of age to hold political office in 1854. According to Woodward, Crowley's later years were spent at Lower Bank, a hamlet down the Mullica a few miles from Crowleytown in Randolph Township, formerly part of Washington. Woodward states that "Samuel Crowley erected a saw-mill at Lower Bank about 1867, and carried on the business for two years, at which time he disposed of it, and since that time it has passed through many hands. It is now (1883) owned by William H. Weeks, and rented by Samuel Crowley, who carries on the business."

Locals interviewed by the Rev. Henry Charlton Beck in the 1940s recalled Samuel Crowley as an influential person, who "was proprietor of a dozen cedar swamps; he sold lumber, did a lot of [charcoal making], and one day, damming off Bull Creek, he built a sawmill at one end of the pond and a glass factory at the other. Then he worked with Haze Birdsall in the 'raising' of a big house, fit for the biggest man in the valley. Sam was big because he had a lot of money and was in the way of making a lot more in cordwood, glass, cedar poles, siding, and all the rest … ".



The scrip note illustrated here has the printed name of Crowleytown and the partial date 185--, suggesting that it was made originally for use by Crowley at his Atlantic Glass Works store. The location of that store is shown on the accompanying map published in Pepper. However, Crowley has handwritten the date Dec. 15, 1874, above his "Saml. Crowley" signature. It thus appears that the actual use of this leftover piece of glass works scrip was at Crowley's Lower Bank saw mill. Crowley was evidently not one to discard an item that still had usefulness.

The note turned up in a recent auction with no identification. It has the arms of Rhode Island for a central vignette. To Crowley the theme may have fit in with the once busy navigation on the Lower Mullica.

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SANDS A.C. 1983 CASINO MEDALLION

By Archie A. Black
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This large 3-inch medallion was struck by the Medallic Art Company of Danbury, Connecticut back in 1983 and to my knowledge has eluded most casino memorabilia collectors for more than 20 years. I purchased this item on e-bay a few months ago and was thrilled to be able to add it to my Atlantic City casino chips and gaming tokens memorabilia collection. Has anyone ever seen this bronze, silver-plated medal before? Does anyone know for what purpose it was issued?

DUES RENEWAL REMINDER

Although not due until January 1, 2004, please renew your dues in advance. Do it now, before the hectic holiday season arrives.

Dues are now $8.00 and checks should be made out to N.J.E.S. and mailed to Treasurer, Al Zaika, PO Box 65, Bellmawr, NJ 08099-0065.

Enclosed is a cop of our new membership application. Please pass it on to a prospective member. Thanks for your cooperation.

Has your collection come to a standstill? If so, you might consider expanding your interest to New Jersey stocks and bonds. They are still inexpensive and have a wide interests appeal. For example, this Hackettstown stock certificate has both a bank and railroad appeal. Steve Middleton informed me that this bank is no longer in existance, but the building that housed the bank is still standing.

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[illegible] Cashier [illegible] President

Wanted: Items related to the old Jersey City Stadium, (AKA) Roosevelt Stadium, and Roosevelt Stadium in North Bergen/Union City, NJ. George Dorsey, 168 E. Spring Valley Ave., Maywood, NJ 07107

Wanted: Bimetallic tokens from any state, NJ tokens, Lords Prayer medals, (13-19mm), Sofspra car wash tokens and Salada Tea baseball coins. (1962). Rocco DiGiacomo, 42 Sunset Dr., Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-1915.

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Dog License Tags: If you do not read ***PAW PRINTS***, you do not know dog license tags. Complimentary copy on request. Bill Bone, Editor, 928 S.R. 2206, Clinton, KY 42031.

Ocean County: Collecting and Researching all Ocean County obsolete and broken banknotes and merchant scrip. Want anything from Toms River 1850 to 1960, also notes issued in Bricksburg 1840's, Manchester 1840's....BUY - SELL - TRADE. Bob Mitchell, 2775 S.E. Eagle Dr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34984-8919.

Wanted: Tickets, Transfers, Photographs, and any other items related to streetcars or busses in Scranton, Pa. Charles Wrobleski, 206 Green Street, Clarks Green, PA 18411.

Wanted: Both BPOE and IBPOEW tokens and medals. Write first describing and pricing your items. J.M. Boswell, PO Box 428, Gambrills, MD 21054.

Wanted: Edison collector seeks Thomas Edison memorabilia, esp. medals, tokens, and souvenirs. Please write with full description and price. Also interested in first and second-hand accounts of Mr. Edison and his legend. George Skic E-Mail: mercerhill@peoplepc.com.

Wanted: Large 73mm Lucky Souvenir penny (Indian Head) with swastikas in the headband. E-mail gptokens @worldnet.att.net or write Gary Patterson, 10-4th St. Manchester, NJ 08759.

Wanted: New Jersey mining tokens and other exonumia related to mining activities in NJ, especially NJ Zinc Co. Please send a description of what you have. Frank Steimle, PO Box 465, Allenhurst, NJ 07711.

For Sale: Old copy of a 1932 Campbell Soup Tomato Contract, along with 3 different picker tickets, from the John Gallagher farm in Mt. Laurel. The farm fell to development in the 1970's. The contract measure approximately 10"x23" $10.00 folded, $12.50 rolled. Dennis P. Helmer, 112 Carlton Avenue, Westmont, NJ 08108.

PA Token Trading Meeting. On Saturday, Sept 6 and Nov 1, 2003, there will be a token trading meeting of the Bucks County TAMS at the Bensalem Library in Hulmeville, PA, just across the river from Burlington. NJES members are welcomed to participate. For directions e-mail RDSchopp@aol.com or write me at Bob Schopp, 16 Sanbert Circle, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690-2510.

All kinds of tokens for sale or trade, send your want lists. Wanted; arcade, Minneapolis pinball token and "cuds" on modern U.S. coins. Joe Steger, 585 Diagonal Rd., Apt #106, Akron, Ohio 44320-3071.

For Sale or Trade: County of Atlantic Depression Scrip sets, nice issued canceled specimens. 13 different, all three types, 2 unlisted issue dates (1 set only) $95, 11 different, including the 2 unlisted issue dates (3 sets) $75 each. Individual notes, $6 each; dealer discounts on individual notes. David Gladfelter, 228 Winding Way, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Free updated amusement token listing via e-mail for NJ, NY, PA, VA, DE, and WV or burned onto a CD-ROM in Microsoft Word format for $5 postpaid. E-mail RDSchopp@aol.com or write to Bob Schopp, 16 Sanbert Circle, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690-2510.

Will pay highest prices for WWI service medals issued by states, counties and cities, particularly Orange County, FL. Lou Small, PO Box 19262, Jacksonville, FL 32245.

For Sale: Ocean County Coin Club, 33rd Anniversary Souvenir Card, depicting Toms River banknote, $2.00 postpaid. Also available is a wooden flat for the same event, $1.00 and SASE, Jim Majoros, 65-16th St., Toms Rivers, NJ 08753.

The Smalls

Louis and Luba Small celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family dinners at Deerwood Country Club and Ponte Vedra Inn and Club. They were married Aug. 22, 1943, in Brooklyn, N.Y. She is the former Luba Rothenberg.

Their children are Ronni Sterns, Akron, Ohio; Alexandra Meyers, Venice, Calif., and Jonathan Small, Irvine, Calif.

The Smalls have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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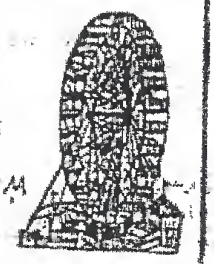

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